

# WOMEN'S PAGE



ADELINE, COUNTESS SCHIMMELMANN.

## WHERE TO GO TO-DAY.

The Comparative Literature Society meets in Carnegie Lecture, Seventh-ave., and Fifty-seventh-st., 10:30 a. m. Introductory address by Dr. Charles William Rubbs, Dean of Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia. Ten-cent anniversary of the Woman's Press Club, of New York City, in the chapter room of Carnegie Hall, 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. James Wells Finch gives a lecture in her series on "Current Topics" at the Waldorf-Astoria, 11 a. m.

Evacuation Day celebration by the Children of the Holland Landers, at the home of Dr. Kierstead, No. 440 West Twenty-second-st., 7 p. m.

Annual dinner of the Writers' Club, Brooklyn, 8 p. m.

Weekly social meeting of the Hope Club for Sailors, at the headquarters, No. 34 Pike-st., 8 p. m.

Flare concert of the Women's Philharmonic Society, in the banquet hall of the Carnegie Building, Seventh-ave., and Fifty-seventh-st., 8 p. m.

Professor Percival Chubb addresses the League for Political Education, at No. 23 West Forty-fourth-st., 11 a. m. Subject, "Literacy in Our Schools—Causes and Cures."

The Washington Heights Society of the Children of the American Revolution will celebrate Evacuation Day at the headquarters, the old Morris House, Washington Heights, by flag raising at sunrise and a salute to the colors at noon.

## COUNTESS SCHIMMELMANN

SHE TALKS ENTERTAININGLY ABOUT HER TRAVELS AND WORK.

ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC BY EMPRESS AUGUSTA OF GERMANY—ANTIQUES ON THE DUEN.

"I have made no plans for my work in New-York," said Adeline, Countess Schimmelmänn, to a Tribune reporter in her apartments at the Hotel Majestic yesterday.

"A long time ago I was warned that the action of my heart was weak, and that I ought to rest. I did not heed the warning at that time, but must do so now. I have had to decline for a time all invitations to speak in public, but I am sure I have my strength and show me the way."

To the Rev. A. C. Dixon, who called and entreated her to give an informal talk at the 4 o'clock meeting on Sunday in the Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, of which he is pastor, she said: "I will come to that meeting if I can. It is not so much the speaking that troubles me as seeing many people and breathing the air of a crowded house. There, too, if I once begin to speak there will be absolutely no rest for me."

The Countess has light blue eyes, and she is frequently reminded that she resembles Francis Willard in feature, but more than that, she has the same graceful, dignified carriage and genial, warm-hearted hospitality which were marked characteristics of Miss Willard. She is tall and well built, and has every appearance of the Danish woman of rank. When seen yesterday she wore a plain black silk gown and broad Danish head dress. Her straight hair was dressed full at the sides.

"I am a spinster," she exclaimed, "but I have three adopted boys, all grown. You see, I had the mother instinct and love for children, and not liking the idea of being left alone in my old age, I took three baby boys. They are legally adopted and bear my name. Wilhelm, the youngest, is with me. Paul is in Europe, and Otto is in college in Canada. Mr. Von Vilehah, son of a Prussian general, with my son Wilhelm's aid, takes charge of the yacht and attends to all matters of business. You see, living around the world on my yacht, as I do, I could not have taken the proper care of girls; but that is just the kind of life boys like, and it is good for them."

"My work principally is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give shelter to the homeless. I have worked more among men than women. As I go about on my yacht from place to place the meet-

paupers and the criminals of many lands. I came to America for the trip and to study the country and the people. I have spent many years in cruising about the shores of the Baltic Sea and working among the people. As we came from Chicago, through the lakes, we anchored at every place until we reached the Erie Canal at Buffalo, to hold meetings. At Rochester, the theatre was closed during the entire week of our stay, because they could not sell tickets while we were there. At Muskegon they had heard that we were in the lake, and there was such a call for us in the theatre that a little boat was sent out for me and the actors left the stage and I went on. I spoke on the way down to all kinds of people, including the Indians. I speak from my own practical experience. People hear too much about what God did for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and too little about what He does for us now."

"I obtained my yacht the Duen, which means Dove, from Prince Valdemar of Denmark, the youngest brother of the Princess of Wales, giving him in exchange a racing cutter which he preferred and which was not of use to me. Three years were spent in selecting the wood for the inside of the Duen, because the manner in which it is built required the strongest and choicest timber. It is put together with handmade copper nails. The boat is much larger than it appears to be. There are fourteen cabins. The dining room is of good size. My suite consists of a bedroom, cabinet for resting and dressing, a bathroom and a library. The furniture of the yacht is of ancient rocco that belonged to my ancestors. The real goblin chair belonged to my great grandfather, who was Prime Minister of Denmark, and the leader in abolishing slavery."

"The table with the hand decorated top was given to me by the Empress Augusta. The little inlaid table came from Italy, and a mirror in one of the cabins is one of the most ancient looking glasses in the world. It came from one of my father's castles."

"A photograph which you may have noticed on one of the walls was taken by the Duchess of Mecklenburg in her castle. The figures in it are the youngest sister of Empress Augusta, the daughter of the Emperor of Mecklenburg, and myself. The tapestry was carved by a Pomeranian fisherman, and is the result of an ancient industry which I have revived. Pomerania and Beudow, the Baltic Sea washes the edge of my garden, and across the waters the hills of Sweden are plainly visible. I can also see from my garden the tower on which the ghost of Hamlet's father appeared. If there ever was such a ghost of such a man."

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COUNTESS SCHIMMELMANN'S JEWELS.

sold by the Countess in order that the money might be put to some better use. The proceeds from the sale were devoted to feeding the hungry."

## SELF-APPOINTED NURSES.

CONVENT SISTERS IN MAKEING, AFRICA, CARING FOR THE WOUNDED.

WORK OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL AID SOCIETY AND THE BRITISH RED CROSS COMMITTEE.

The Princess of Wales hospital ship, which is to convey the sick and wounded soldiers back to England, is chartered and equipped by the British Red Cross Committee with the balance of the money which was collected by the Princess of Wales Branch of the National Aid Society at the time of the Egyptian campaign in 1882. The Princess of Wales, in addition to fitting out the ship, intends to expend \$50,000 on luxuries and comforts for the invalided soldiers.

A complete hospital train of seven carriages, with kitchen and all necessary accessories, is being constructed at Birmingham, and four hundred men are at work upon it night and day. Sir John Furely will be in charge of the train. Equipment for a hospital train to be called the Princess Christian has been sent out to Durban.

Provision has been made by the Army Nursing Reserve to supply additional trained nurses for the various military hospitals.

In the opinion of Miss Gray, the matron of the Guards' Hospital, London, active service has the same attraction for a woman as for a man, and she recently said, "I've seen a good many years' service in South Africa, Egypt and the west coast of Africa, and I only await my turn to go to South Africa again."

Miss Gray has won the Royal Red Cross, the Zulu medal, the Egyptian War Medal, the Ashantee Star and the Khedive's Star.

Twenty nurses have already sailed for the Cape from London. They will not go to the front, but will be stationed within a short distance, as far as possible, of the scene of hostilities. More nurses will, of course, go later.

Miss Garrook, superintendent of the English Army Nursing Service, accompanied by her seven sisters, all of whom are trained nurses, were the first regular nurses to arrive at the seat of war in South Africa. Among others who sailed for South Africa recently to Miss Lucy H. Williams, who goes to fill the post of matron at the hospital at Port Elizabeth.

Of others who are now there Miss Jane Hoadley, of the Royal Infirmary, London, has been a sister in the Army Nursing Service since 1893. Miss Selma Isabella Snowden, of the Cumberland Infirmary, in Carlisle, entered the Army Nursing Service in 1894. Miss Emma Martha Todd, of the Royal Free Hospital, London; Miss Mary Grenfell Hill, of the West London Hospital, and Miss Martha Mark, of the Jenny Lind Infirmary, of Norwich.

Miss Mary Cecil F. K. Cole has been attached to the Army Nursing Service since 1883. She received the Royal Red Cross in 1885.

The Irish nurses are well to the front in sending in contributions for the wives and families of Irish soldiers now in active service in South Africa.

The Queen has given largely to the Transvaal War Fund, which has reached a total of \$70,000. The women of the Midland Counties Needlework Guild have made 1,800 garments, 1,000 of which are on their way to Africa. 290 have been sent through the War Office direct to Durban. 290 will go to the American Women's hospital ship, and 250 to the Princess of Wales's hospital ship.

Particulars should contain no writing whatever. Not only double postage, but a fine is imposed on all that violate this rule.

The Sisters of the convent in Metz, although granted permission by the Roman Catholic hierarchy to leave the city all elected to stay and nurse the wounded. A number of women residents of the city have also refused, for the same reason, to leave their homes, and are acting as self-appointed nurses.

THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL SHIP.

The alterations on the hospital ship Maine, which was a cattle ship, have been very extensive and costly. A clean sweep was made of all the interior fittings easy gangways to the various wards have been arranged, portholes were enlarged and an improved system of ventilation introduced. The electric lighting plant already in the ship was increased to come up to Government requirements, which demand a duplex dynamo for special apparatus. The operating room, dispensary and sterilizing apparatus are to be upon the main deck, and the newest kind of refrigerators in use are to be used to keep the delicacies for the sick in good condition.

The Maine is a sister ship of the Missouri, now in the United States Navy, and is fitted up in almost the same manner. It is not yet known how many of the ship will be able to carry, but it is believed that it will be nearly two hundred, and there will be about forty orderlies and attendants.

## BEDOUINS OF THE DESERT.

MME. MOUNTFORD, OF PALESTINE, TELLS OF THEIR CHARACTERISTICS.

THE IMPORTANT PART PLAYED BY ARABIAN WOMEN IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND IN WAR—THEIR GREAT HOSPITALITY.

Great interest was taken in the lecture given at Association Hall, Brooklyn, last evening by Mme. von Finkelstein Mountford. Mme. Mountford was born in Palestine and lived there for many years, and is thoroughly conversant with the customs and life of the Bedouins. This lecture was the last of a series on "Picturesque Life in Palestine," the subject being "The Bedouins of the Desert."

The picturesque settings of the improvised stage portrayed the black tents of Kedar, in which were grouped the lecturer's assistants, who represented the sons and daughters of Ishmael.

The Oriental picture in its animation and historical suggestiveness made it easy for the attentive listener to see in the Bedouins of to-day the wandering tribes of the land of Moab, of which so much is said in the Old Testament.

In the prince, princess and high priest, whose rich costumes depicted their rank, and in the less pretentious garb of the Arab host surrounding her, Mme. Mountford at first explained the important part played by dress in determining the social status of the Bedouins of the desert, whose customs, costumes and style of conversation are precisely the same to-day as in the times of Abraham and others long before the birth of Christ. In this connection the lecturer showed that the unconventional and peculiar freedom of the Ishmaelites of old were characteristics of their descendants of to-day.

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# THE BIBLE SOCIETY

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on.  
'Twas not given for you alone—  
Pass it on.  
Let it travel down the years,  
Let it wipe another's tears,  
Till in heaven the deed appears—  
Pass it on.

PERPLEXED.

Two paths, dear Lord, before me lie:  
One leads to heaven and yet not I  
Which one? I wait to hear Thee say.  
I wait, and listen, while I pray.

The one seems filled with ease and joy,  
The other gives me full employ  
Grown within the last year both I stand  
Waiting for Thee to take my hand.

And lead my weak uncertain feet  
Forth where my love and duty meet.  
I pray Thee make it plain to me  
In which I most may honor Thee.

MARGARET MAY.

## SUNSHINE SOCIAL.

Brooklyn Branch No. 3 of the T. S. R. will hold a photograph social meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Partridge, No. 191 South Second-st., on Monday evening, November 27, from 5 until 10 o'clock. All Sunshine friends will be made welcome.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Members of the Sunshine Society will please send any more contributions to the Tribune Office. Arrangements, it is hoped, can be made for New-York branch to attend the general office work, but until that time all Sunshine greetings should be sent direct from the silver to the recipient, and not through any office. The society has grown so within the last year that it is impossible to attend to the work in the general office.

## MONEY ACKNOWLEDGED.

Miss Jennie Powell, of Roxbury, N. Y., sends \$1 to be used for Sunshine; Miss M. M. M. of North Platte, Neb., 25 cents in stamps; Mrs. Nellie C. Purman, of Brooklyn, 50 cents for badges, and a Purman to Miss Helen Jackson, of India. Five dollars came from "A" and was forwarded to a member for a Christmas dinner.

## A BIT OF SUNSHINE.

Master Harry Lawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reid Lawford, and nephew of the late Lord Coleridge of England, has given warm greetings to the members of the school, No. 23 West Sixty-third-st., all of whom are Sunshine members.

Mrs. E. L. Scofield, of Stamford, Conn., State president of the Connecticut T. S. R., is the city at the home of Mrs. John Brower, One-hundred-and-fiftieth-st., and Riverside Drive. Yesterday a number of Sunshine members called on her, among them being Mrs. Nellie C. Purman, president of Brooklyn Branch No. 3, and Mrs. Cecilia Gaines Holland.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL WILL CELEBRATE.

The Sisters of Charity who conduct St. Vincent's Hospital will celebrate to-morrow the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of that institution. The main feature of the celebration will be the blessing of the new chapel in the annex to the hospital building, recently completed. Archbishop Corrigan officiate at the blessing, assisted by a large number of clergymen.

On Monday next the Ladies' Auxiliary, an association of Roman Catholic women, who raised the money for the building and equipment of the new part of the hospital, will celebrate the institution's golden jubilee by holding a reception at the hospital, at the corner of Broadway and Seventh-ave., from 4 until 6 o'clock p. m.

## TO DEVELOP TALENTS OF THE POOR.

DR. FELIX ADLER PRESENTS A PLAN BEFORE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Public Education Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Berkeley Lyceum, No. 17 West Forty-fourth-st. Several hundred members, mostly women, were present. Addressed by Dr. Felix Adler and Professor Nicholas Murray Butler.

The president of the society, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, occupied the chair. The report of the secretary, Miss Martha L. Draper, showed that the society now numbers more than 1,000 members. Much good work has been accomplished in the year ending with the children of the poor by the establishment of boys' and girls' clubs. As an extension of the summer playground idea the Board of Education had set apart the public schools of the city for evening use as places where boys and girls, and even adults, in the districts where the schools were located could congregate and seek amusement by reading and social games. Dr. Adler was introduced, and said in part as